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In the Matter of:

Wireline Competition Bureau Seeking Comments on e-rate Category Two) WC Docket No. 13-184

Please maintain secure funding through the full five year budget period as adopted during the 2014 Modernization. Our communities depend on that funding.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to provide input on the impact of having access to secure and sufficient funding for our Library WiFi and internal connections. Before the E-rate Modernization in 2014, virtually no libraries received funds for then, Priority 2 services. We assumed that no funds would be left after initial funding requests for internet access were addressed. Our Priority 2 needs remained in intense competition for our many other funding needs for library operations.

In our experience, every improvement made to our computer infrastructure and WiFi services results in increased usage from our citizens and generates more demand for additional improvements. As access to critical services offered through our local and state government shifts to online-only, strong infrastructure and WiFi services becomes more an essential component to libraries and to the citizens they serve.

The commitment or the FCC to ensure a library budget of \$2.30 (\$5.00 for a selected category of larger urban and suburban libraries) per square foot means that critical infrastructure needs can be met and the public can be better served.

Sincerely,

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Library Director